

CLAIMS

1. An information processor having a function to check out a content to a device connected thereto, the apparatus comprising:
 - means for recording the content to a recording medium;
 - means for setting, when the recording means has recorded the content, whether the recorded content has to be checked out to the connected device; and
 - means for checking out the content recorded in the recording medium to the connected device when the recording means has recorded the content in case the setting means has set that the recorded content has to be checked out.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for reading the content from the content recording medium in which it is recorded, and wherein the recording means records the read content.
3. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the reading means reads from an optical disc being the content recording medium.
4. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the reading means read a semiconductor memory being the content recording medium.
5. The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising means for encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data read by the reading means, and wherein the recording means records the encrypted content data to the recording medium.

6. The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising means for changing the compression method by which the content data read by the reading means is compressed to a predetermined one, and wherein the recording means records the content data compressed by the predetermined method to the recording medium.

7. The apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising means for encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method, and wherein the recording means records the encrypted content data to the recording medium.

8. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a communications means for receiving a content via a network, and wherein the recording means records the received content.

9. The apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising means for encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data received by the communications means, and wherein the recording means records the encrypted content data to the recording medium.

10. The apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising means for changing the compression method by which the content data received by the communications means is compressed to a predetermined one, and wherein the recording means records the content data compressed by the predetermined method to the recording medium.

11. The apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising means for encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data compressed by the

predetermined compression method, and wherein the recording means records the encrypted content data to the recording medium.

12. An information processing method which is to be carried out in an information processor having a function to check out a content to a device connected thereto, the method comprising steps of:

recording the content to a predetermined recording medium;

setting, when the content has been recorded at the recording step, whether the recorded content has to be checked out to the connected device; and

checking out the content recorded in the recording medium to the connected device when the content has been recorded at the recording step in case it has been set at the setting step that the recorded content has to be checked out.

13. The method according to claim 12, further comprising a step of reading the content from the content recording medium in which it is recorded, and wherein the read content is recorded at the recording step.

14. The method according to claim 13, further comprising a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data read at the reading step, and wherein the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

15. The method according to claim 12, further comprising a step of changing the compression method by which the content data read at the reading step is compressed to a predetermined one, and wherein the content data compressed by the predetermined method is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

16. The method according to claim 12, further comprising a step of changing the compression method by which the content data read at the reading step is compressed to a predetermined one, and wherein the content data compressed by the predetermined method is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

17. The method according to claim 16, further comprising a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method, and wherein the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

18. The method according to claim 12, further comprising a communications step of receiving a content via a network, and wherein the received content is recorded at the recording step.

19. The method according to claim 18, further comprising a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data received at the communications step, and wherein the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

20. The method according to claim 18, further comprising a step of changing the compression method by which the content data received at the communications step is compressed to a predetermined one, and wherein the content data compressed by the predetermined method is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

21. The method according to claim 20, further comprising a step of encrypting,

by a predetermined method, the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method, and wherein the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

22. A program storage medium having stored therein an information processing program for use in an information processor having a function to check out a content to a device connected thereto, the program comprising:

recording the content to a predetermined recording medium;

setting, when the content has been recorded at the recording step, whether the recorded content has to be checked out to the connected device; and

checking out the content recorded in the recording medium to the connected device when the content has been recorded at the recording step in case it has been set at the setting step that the recorded content has to be checked out.

23. The medium according to claim 22, further comprising a step of reading the content from the content recording medium in which it is recorded, and wherein the content read at the reading step is recorded at the recording step.

24. The medium according to claim 22, further comprising a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data read at the reading step, and wherein the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

25. The medium according to claim 22, further comprising a step of changing the compression method by which the content data read at the reading step is compressed to a predetermined one, and wherein the content data compressed by the

predetermined method is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

26. The medium according to claim 25, further comprising a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method, and wherein the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

27. The medium according to claim 22, further comprising a communications step of receiving a content via a network, and wherein the received content is recorded at the recording step.

28. The medium according to claim 27, further comprising a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data received at the communications step, and wherein the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

29. The medium according to claim 27, further comprising a step of changing the compression method by which the content data received at the communications step is compressed to a predetermined one, and wherein the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

30. The medium according to claim 29, further comprising a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method, and wherein the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.

31. An information processor having a function to check out contents to a device connected thereto, the apparatus comprising:

means for recording the plurality of contents to a recording means;

means for setting, when the recording means has recorded the contents, whether the recorded contents have to be checked out to the connected device; and

means for checking out, each time at least one of the contents has been recorded by the recording means, the recorded content to the connected device while recording the other contents not yet recorded.

32. The apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising means for displaying the progress of the recording by the recording means to the recording medium and that of the checkout by the checkout means of the content recorded in the recording medium.

33. The apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the progress displaying means displays the progress of the recording by the recording means to the recording medium and that of the checkout by the checkout means of the content recorded in the recording medium by bars different in color from each other, respectively, and of which one overlaps the other.

34. The apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising means for reading the content from the content recording medium in which the plurality of data is recorded; and wherein the recording means records the read content.

35. The apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising means for

encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data read by the reading means; and wherein the recording means records the encrypted content data to the recording medium.

36. The apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising means for changing the compression method by which the content data read by the reading means is compressed to a predetermined one; and wherein the recording means records the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method to the recording medium.

37. The apparatus according to claim 36, further comprising means for encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method; and wherein the recording means records the encrypted content data to the recording medium.

38. The apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising a communications means for continuously receiving the plurality of contents via a network; and wherein the recording means records the received content.

39. An information processing method which is to be carried out in an information processor having a function to check out contents to a device connected thereto, the method comprising steps of:

- controlling recording of the plurality of contents to a recording means; and
- controlling, each time at least one of the contents is recorded at the recording controlling step in case the content has been recorded at the recording controlling step,

checkout of the recorded content to the connected device while recording the other contents not yet recorded.

40. A program storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program intended for controlling an information processor having a function to check out a content to a device connected thereto, the program comprising steps of:

controlling of the recording of the plurality of contents to a recording means;

and

controlling, each time at least one of the contents to be recorded has been recorded to the recording medium at the recording controlling step in case the content is recorded at the recording controlling step, checkout of the recorded content to the connected device while recording the other contents not yet recorded.